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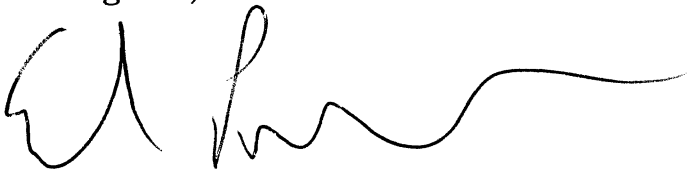
Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I am writing to comment on the California 2003 Water Plan now in development. Balancing the needs of development, agriculture and wildlife will never be easy. The decisions made in the next few years will set the direction for the future of all three of these competing interests for the foreseeable future.

I urge you to look with great skepticism on any projects that perpetuate the mistakes of the past. In particular, I ask that you eliminate from the plan all projects that are not cost-effective, have already been rejected by the Congress or that conflict with the maintenance or the recovery of the local environment. Some examples of projects that should be eliminated include: Auburn Dam, the Tehama and Dutch Gulch dams, Devil's Nose and Middle Bar dams on the Mokelumne, the Nashville Dam on the Cosumnes and raising Shasta Dam.

The time is long overdue for California to address the reality of our water situation by instituting strong water conservation and efficiency measures. The 2003 Plan should be based on implementation of these kinds of measures.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Pandolfino', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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